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Applicant: Yedur, *et al.*

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Title: USE OF SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE FOR DEFECT DETECTION AND REPAIR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the above-identified patent application.